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Eddie Lewis, center, Mrs. Samuel Martin, left and Mrs. John Canada, right of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club are presenting a check in the amount of $138.86 to the Pediatric Endocrine Laboratory at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. A state project of the Junior Clubs, this donation was made possible by the proceeds from the Little League All-Stars Games sponsored by the club on March 1. Eddie is holding the "game ball" presented to him that night.

Hollywood Acteens

The meeting of the Hollywood Acteens was held Mon., April 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Lilia Maxwell. The roll was called by Dawn Deaner. More plans were made for our picnic to be held at the Appomattox Historical Park Sun., April 13. We are also planning to work with the WMU in forming a nursery at our church. It was also noted that all Acteens will take part in our Youth Sunday activities April 20. Our mission project for this month is to send needed materials to South Carolina for migrants. All Acteens were reminded of the Spring Rally to be held at New Chapel April 21 at 6:30. Materials were given to each member about Acteen Camp.

Lelia Maxwell read a report on the qualifications for Missionary appointment.

Martha Maxwell lead us in a study of "Faces in Tapestry", which is a book about the Home Mission Board and their purpose in the world today.

Debra Scruggs led us in our study project this month which was, "Follow the Sun". Then we studied the Chapter of Genesis.

Delorious Deaner lead us in closing prayer.

Refreshments were then served by Dawn and Delorious Deaner.

Lelia Maxwell, President

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It is at times like these that there comes to you a hunger to know a better and a stronger friend, a truer and a wiser justice, a finer and a fairer life than you have ever lived before.

Well, my dear friend, there is Someone you can turn to He loves you! He cares for you! He even died for you! Yes, He died for you, so that you could have eternal life.

This "dear friend" is Jesus! He died on Calvary's cross so that you might have eternal life. Shouldn't you love Him for at least that much?

Do you know Jesus? Is He a part of your life? Do you trust Him? You can trust Him. He is your friend. Yes, sinner, He is even your friend.

Can you admit to yourself that you are a sinner? If you can, then you have taken a giant step in the direction of being closer to Jesus.

If you are saved, then you know that you are on your way to heaven, but if you're not, dear friend, you're headed straight for hell.

Don't you think that it's time for you to get right with Jesus? Go to church, read your Bible daily, and pray continually. But, first of all, admit that you are a sinner and ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you from all sin. he is your friend, and He will do it!

By Carolyn McCormick

The Pastor Speaks

"Accepted in the Beloved" . . Ephesians 1:6

What a state of privilege! It includes our justification before God, but the term "accepted" in the Greek means more than that. It signifies that we are the objects of divine love. How marvelous that we, mortals, sinners, should be the objects of divine love! But it is only "in the Beloved." Some Christians seem to be accepted in their own experience, at least, that is their thinking. When their spirit is lively, and their hopes bright, they think God accepts them, for they feel so high, so heavenly-minded, so drawn above the earth! But when their souls wallow in the dust, they are the victims of the fear that they are no longer accepted. If they could but see that all their high joys do not exalt them, and all their law despondences do not really depress them in their Father's sight, but that they stand accepted in one who never alters, in one who is always the beloved of God, always perfect, always without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, how much happier they would be, and how much more they would honor the Savior!

Rejoice then, believer, in this: you are accepted "in the Beloved." You look within yourself, and you say, "There is nothing acceptable here!" But look at Christ, and see if there is not everything acceptable there. Your sins trouble you; but God has cast your sins behind His back and you are accepted in the Righteous One. You have to fight with sin; and to wrestle with temptation, but you are already accepted in Him who has overcome the powrs of evil. The devil tempts you; be of good cheer, he cannot destroy you, for you are accepted in Him who has broken Satan's head. Know by full assurance your glorious standing; you are even now accepted in Christ.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
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Appomattox, Va.

STONEWALL JR. 4-H CLUB

The Stonewall Jr. 4-H Club met in the home of Connie Krantz on April 3, 1975. We sang, "My Country Tis of Thee," and played a game. Jimmy Gilliam gave a demonstration on, "Cleaning a Saddle". Mr. Sweet told us about the Demonstration Contest held on April 19 from 10 to 12:30, at the Elementary school. Ribbons will be awarded. A District Contest will be held in May, in Rustburg. Mr. Sweet passed out entry forms. Mr. Sweet reminded us of the Walkathon, May 21. He passed out forms for the feed patch contest. He told us about the Dairy Contest in June. Kelly Moore showed us an apron she is making for her sewing project. Mr. Sweet showed us 4-H Camp slides. Tony Gilliam then adjourned the meeting.

Connie Krantz, Reporter

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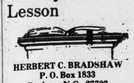
The Sunday School Lesson



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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, April 20, 1975.

Topic: Making and Renewing the Covenant

Scripture: Exodus 19-20; 32; 34

Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient. Exodus 24:7.

One of the most ancient bonds among people is the covenant. A covenant is a contract under which the contracting parties agree to perform certain obligations. The family relationship was a covenant, and loyalty to the family was a characteristic of ancient peoples. The bond of friendship was a covenant and a person honored the obligations of friendship. To observe the obligations of a covenant was to be good; to disregard them was to be evil.

The religion of Israel was founded upon the covenant between God and the people of Israel. They were to obey God's commandments. While they kept their obligation of obedience, God would bless them with security and prosperity, would make them His own people, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

The covenant which God and the people of Israel entered into at Sinai was predicated upon an event which had already taken place, the deliverance of the Israelities from slavery in Egypt. Because God had intervened in their behalf and had brought them out of slavery into freedom, He had good reason to ask for their obedience to the laws which He gave them.

Deliverance from slavery was not only the basis on which God claimed obedience in the covenant relationship. Deliverance was the earnest, the pledge, the assurance that He would keep His promise of blessing if Israel observed its obligation of obedience. Whenever there was the disposition on the part of the people to disregard their responsibility to the covenant, those who were faithful could, and did (as the prophets), remind them that God had given proof of His faithfulness to His obligation in bringing their nation out of slavery into freedom.

In bringing the people of Israel into the land of Canaan, God was carrying out His obligation under the covenant He had made with Abraham and renewed with Isaac and Jacob centuries before. The land to which God was bringing Israel He had promised to the patriarchs as a home for their descendants. The covenant at Sinai amplified and made more specific the ancient covenant in order that the nation, into which God had made the descendants of Jacob, might know more precisely what its obligations were and could carry them out.

The Mosaic covenant, entered into at Sinai, was between God and the people of Israel as a community. In addition to expressing the obligation of the people to God, in the first four of the Ten Commandments, it expressed the obligation of the people one to another in the other six.

Not only did the covenant express relationship between God and people and the people within the community in obedience to God's laws, but it also expressed the service obligations of the people under the covenant. "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" indicates that obedience involved not merely observing the laws but carrying a mission for God. "A holy nation" would be a witness to the world of God's presence in its midst. "A kingdom of priests" would be intercessor and intermediary between God and the world, to bring other epoples to the knowledge of God.

The laws God gave the people to obey were not arbitrary, imposed because God as the stronger party to the covenant could. They were given for the protection and preservation of the people. Law is essentially for human protection and therefore for human benefit. The moral law relating to God and man gives protection to the human race, for its provides the guide which saves people from destruction. The moral law is as essential to the preservation of the human race as the natural law is for the preservation of the material universe.

For believers today there is a parallel with the ancient covenant in the new between God and those who commit themselves to Him. The new covenant is predicated upon deliverance from slavery to sin into freedom under God. It promises eternal life for obedience to the obligations of the new covenant and provides the assurance in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And it is a covenant which also calls for both obedience and service.

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